Mr. B. Sreenivasiengar.—The Village Sanitation Rules apply only to village sites. They should be modified so as to be applicable to the entire area of the village.

First Member of Council.—The revision of the Sanitation Rules is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry.—Government must give at least one lakh of rupees. Sanitary Inspectors must devote more attention to sanitation.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The villagers must be made to give half a day's work in a week free for village sanitation.

Mr. S. Venkatesiah.—The District Board and the District Officers should take interest in this matter and get the village officials to have the works attended to and completed satisfactorily. The villagers will work with earnestness, if Government is prepared to give a liberal grant. Then only real improvement is possible.

Dewan.—This will be noted. I shall consider the rules of Sanitation in villages. Progress in sanitation in villages can be effected only slowly.

SUBJECT NO. 77.

Malnad Improvement.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Kadur District Board.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The deterioration of the malnad parts is due to various causes, the chief of which is the low economic condition of the people. Most of the people in the malnad suffer from enlarged spleen and malaria. Any amount of money spent in administering quinine will not improve the people. Their condition is due mostly to their poverty. To remedy this, Government should acquire lands by payment of compensation if necessary and grant them to the poor people at the rate of at least 5 acres per individual to enable them to meet their daily wants. This alone, to my mind, can improve them. Secondly, the people are living in houses built in the low lying areas. This is not good to their health and they should be shifted to the high lands where they should build houses and live in them. Investigation should therefore be made on these matters.

Dewan.—You want investigation. I should like to know what kind of investigation it is that you wish to make.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—Investigation should be made as to whether lands are under cultivation or not, and where they are not cultivated, they should be given to poor people for cultivation.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry.—Lakhs of rupees had already been spent for this purpose and investigations were made.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao.—People in the malnad suffer from one chief drawback and that is the paddy they are able to get from their lands is taken away by people coming from Kanara and other outlying places on payment of high prices and thus the people are left without anything for their sustenance. Attempts should be made to prevent this wholesale export of paddy and to ensure that, at least, a quantity sufficient for the annual maintenance of the people is kept within the country. Railway facilities should be extended to the interior parts of the malnad to enable food grains from productive areas being taken to the far off outlying corners of villages.

Mr S. Venkatesiah.—Further, we find that where there are lands, there are no cultivators, and that where there are cultivators, there are no lands and the paucity of the labour is also very keenly felt, and we have to import labour from outside. Investigation should therefore be made in several directions such as economic causes, social causes, the prevalence of various kinds of diseases, want of communications and credit difficulties. All these have to be fully investigated in detail and I do not think any committee can do this successfully. Experts alone can remedy the defects with the co-operation of the local people. Then alone, there will be improvement in the malnad.

Dewan.—There are so many ideas and so many theories. Government have done so many things also. We want to have proper data. Investigation is necessary and it will help in the consideration of the subject if concrete suggestions are made as to what exactly is necessary.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The Dewan or one of the Members of Council should come to our parts for 8 or 10 days and hear our grievances and suggest remedies.

Mr. Deve Gowda.—It is very necessary to educate the people of the malnad. They are ignorant, helpless and poor. There are several people who have not seen even taluk headquarters. Education facilities and Railway communications should be improved.

Dewan.—If you wait for some time, I will tell you what the Government proposes to do. I have made some investigations in regard to your wants and difficulties. If you have any proposals to make they are most welcome.

SUBJECT No. 78.

Some more dispensaries to serve the interior parts of the malnad.

Mr. Vastare Honnappaiya, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Mr. Vastare Honnappaiya.—In the malnad, the houses are very widely scattered and the people are suffering from various ailments. Those living in remote corners are suffering very much for lack of medical aid. Formerly, there used to be some relief at least owing to the existence of the District Health Officers who were touring in the interior parts of the malnad with some essential medicines for distribution to the needy. Now the posts of District Health Officers have been abolished even in the malnad districts where the demand for more medical relief is continuously growing while the number of hospitals remains the same as it was before. Some more dispensaries may be established in the interior of the malnad.

First Member of Council.—There are dispensaries in important places in the malnad. There is one itinerant dispensary for an area of 9 or 10 miles radius for the benefit of the sufferers in that tract. It is impossible to open hospital in every village.

Mr. Vastare Honnappaiya.—The fact is that owing to continuous rains in the malnad, the people find themselves unable to go to the medical institutions. In such cases, Government should provide that their officers should visit the various centres and afford medical relief to the sick and the suffering in their houses.

Dewan.—Statistics show that the health of the malnad is generally good during the rainy season and that there is not much illness.